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## Commissioner Bush encourages Texas veterans to be heard – "What Does Freedom Mean to You?"

VLB Voices of Veterans special project honors veterans across Texas

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## AUSTIN —

Commissioner George P. Bush, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Land Board, is encouraging active duty military, veterans, their family members and those who honor our freedoms to participate in a special project of the Voices of Veterans program. The VLB is asking, "What Does Freedom Mean to You?" All Texans are encouraged to submit a brief video about what freedom means by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

"Military members and veterans know what it means to sacrifice for our freedom," Commissioner Bush said. "In honor of those who serve, we want to hear from all Texans about what freedom means to them. Just keep it short and simple – either submit a video selfie or have someone record you. Please help us honor Texas veterans and their service to America – and let us know what freedom means to you."

Participants can record a video shot on a mobile phone or other camera that tells us what freedom means to them, then submit the video online. Around the Fourth of July, the VLB will release a compilation video with submissions from veterans all over

Texas. The deadline to submit videos is June 15<sup>th</sup>. For complete information about the video campaign and to submit a video, visit <a href="https://www.VoicesofVeterans.org">www.VoicesofVeterans.org</a> or call the VLB Veterans Call Service Center at 1-800-252-VETS (8387).

## ABOUT VOICES OF VETERANS

Everyone who served in the U.S. military has a story to tell and the VLB helps Texas veterans preserve those stories for future generations. Through Voices of Veterans, Texas veterans and military members have the opportunity to share their experiences. The stories are recorded, archived permanently, and available online for all to hear.

"Some of the most profound moments in our nation's history live on in the memories of our military veterans," Commissioner Bush said. "I'm honored to invite those of you who have honorably served in America's armed forces to participate. The Voices of Veterans Program ensures the stories of courage and service – your stories – inspire

Texans for decades to come. If you, or someone you know, is a veteran who would like to participate please contact us. Thank you and may God bless our Texas veterans."

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